

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A messaging system comprising:
 - a processor; and
 - a memory device coupled to the processor, the memory device storing instructions for generating a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface operable to present:
 - an address menu having an identification field with a plurality of associated address fields, each of the plurality of associated address fields operable to maintain an address ~~for a plurality of messaging receipt options, wherein an outgoing electronic message is formatted in a plurality of formats based upon one or more of the plurality of messaging receipt options;~~
 - a selector to initiate presentation of the address menu at the graphical user interface for user selection of multiple addresses from the plurality of associated address fields of the identification field, ~~wherein content associated with the selector is selectively presented audibly; and~~
 - an address box associated with ~~[[the]]~~ an outgoing electronic message, the address box capable of receiving ~~multiple~~ one or more user-selected addresses from the plurality of associated address fields of the identification field for subsequent transfer of the outgoing electronic message to a respective destination associated with each of the multiple one or more user-selected addresses; and
 - wherein the messaging system is an attachment engine operable to:
 - ~~determine a type of a device associated with at least one of the multiple user-selected addresses and to~~

automatically, without user interaction, convert a first file attached to the outgoing electronic message, the first file having an initial format, to produce a second file having a different format; and automatically attach the second file ~~attached~~ to the outgoing electronic message ~~into a format receivable by the device.~~

2. (Previously presented) The messaging system of claim 1, wherein the identification field maintains a contact alias for a potential recipient of the outgoing electronic message.

3. (Previously presented) The messaging system of claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface is further operable to present:

a first address menu for a first user and a second address menu for a second user; and an interface engine associated with the messaging system and operable to communicatively couple a remote computer associated with the first user to the messaging system.

4. (Previously presented) The messaging system of claim 3, wherein the messaging system is operable to initiate communication of internet protocol packets.

5-7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently amended) The messaging system of claim 1, wherein the identification field is operable to maintain a contact name, and wherein the ~~address menu plurality of~~ associated address fields includes further comprises:

a first address field ~~associated with the identification field, the first address field for~~ maintaining configured to store a first address ~~[[of]]~~ associated with the contact name; and

a second address field ~~associated with the identification field, the second address field for~~ maintaining configured to store a second address ~~[[of]]~~ associated with the contact name;

wherein the first address is selected from the group consisting one of an email address, a telephone number, an instant messaging address, a short messaging service address, an enhanced messaging service address, a multimedia messaging service address, and a facsimile number.

9-10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently amended) A method[[,]] comprising:

~~initiating presentation of a first user-selectable item for viewing a collection of contact information, wherein content associated with the first user-selectable item is selectively presented audibly;~~

receiving a first signal indicating user selection of the first user-selectable item;

initiating, in response to the first signal, an address graphical user interface (GUI)

element to present an address menu comprising contact information ~~[[for]]~~ of at least one potential addressee, the contact information of the at least one potential addressee including a first selectable address ~~[[of]]~~ associated with a first address format type and a second selectable address ~~[[of]]~~ associated with a second address format type ~~for the at least one potential addressee;~~

~~recognizing a selection of the first selectable address and the second selectable address;~~

initiating, in response to a selection of the first selectable address at the address menu, presentation of the first selectable address ~~and the second selectable address~~ in an address box associated with an outgoing electronic message;

attaching a first file to the outgoing electronic message, the first file having an initial format;

automatically converting the first file to produce a second file having a different format,

wherein the different format differs from the initial format, and attaching the second file to the outgoing electronic message; and

formatting the outgoing electronic message, without user interaction, into a first third format ~~receivable by the first selectable address~~ that is based at least in part on the first address format type; and

~~formatting the outgoing electronic message, without user interaction, into a second format receivable by the second selectable address based on the second address type.~~

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
receiving a second signal indicating a request to prepare the outgoing electronic message;
and
initiating presentation of a messaging ~~graphical-user-interface~~-(GUI) to present a message
composition template comprising the address box and a message input box.
14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
modifying the address menu in response to a user input comprising addition of another
potential addressee; and
subsequently re-initiating the address ~~graphical-user-interface~~-(GUI) element;
wherein the address menu comprises contact information for the at least one potential
addressee and the another potential addressee.
15. (Canceled).
16. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[11]] 26, further comprising:
initiating presentation of a second user-selectable item associated with sending the
outgoing electronic message to the first selectable address in the address box and
to the second selectable address in the address box.
17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising:
receiving a second signal indicating user selection of the second user-selectable item; and
in response to receiving the second signal, initiating communication of the outgoing
electronic message to the first selectable address and to the second selectable
address.
- 18-19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently amended) A non-transitory machine-readable storage medium including machine-executable instructions ~~that to prepare an electronic message, the instructions~~ when executed by a machine, cause ~~causing~~ the machine to:

provide a first user-selectable button in connection with preparation of an outgoing ~~the~~ electronic message, ~~wherein content associated with the first user-selectable button is selectively presented audibly;~~

initiate a graphical user interface (GUI) element in response to selection of the user-selectable button, the GUI element enabling a user to select to find at least one address for the outgoing electronic message ~~in response to receiving a user selection of the first user-selectable button~~, the GUI element comprising an address menu having an identification field with a plurality of associated address fields, each of the plurality of associated address fields operable to maintain an address for a plurality of messaging receipt options;

receive a selection of a first address ~~multiple addresses from the plurality of associated address fields via the GUI element, each of the multiple addresses~~ the first address associated with an ~~having a corresponding~~ address format type;

populate an address box of the outgoing electronic message with the first address ~~selected multiple addresses~~;

attach a first file to the outgoing electronic message, the first file having an initial format; automatically convert the first file to produce a second file, the second file having a different format that differs from the initial format, and attach the second file to the outgoing electronic message; and

modify a third format of the outgoing electronic message, without user interaction, wherein the third format ~~corresponding to each address of the selected multiple addresses is based at least in part on~~ upon the ~~corresponding~~ address format type; and wherein the address type of a first selected address of the selected multiple addresses is different than at least one other address type of the selected multiple addresses.

21-22. (Canceled).

23. (New) The messaging system of claim 1, wherein the initial format is a .wav format and the different format is a text format.

24. (New) The messaging system of claim 1, further comprising displaying a first indicator indicating that the first file is attached to the outgoing electronic message and concurrently displaying a second indicator indicating that the second file is attached to the outgoing electronic message.

25. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
recognizing a second selection of the second selectable address and, in response to the second selection, initiating presentation of the second selectable address in the address box associated with the outgoing electronic message; and
formatting the outgoing electronic message, without user interaction, into a fourth format that is based in part on the second address format type.

26. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the initial format is a .wav format and the different format is a text format.

27. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the different format is based at least in part on the first address format type.

28. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising displaying a first indicator indicating that the first file is attached to the outgoing electronic message and concurrently displaying a second indicator indicating that the second file is attached to the outgoing electronic message.

29. (New) The non-transitory machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, wherein the initial format is a .wav format and the different format is a text format.

30. (New) The non-transitory machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, wherein the different format is based at least in part on the address format type.

31. (New) The non-transitory machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, further comprising machine-executable instructions that, when executed, cause the machine to display a first indication that the first file is attached to the outgoing electronic message and to concurrently display a second indication that the second file is attached to the outgoing electronic message.